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A filled-in modified PTO-1449 form listing all of the documents cited in this Statement and copies of those documents are presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

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Please charge any prosecutional fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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